

Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

News from the Hybridizer's Work Shop

NEW AND RARE HARDY PERENNIALS

Grown and offered by FRANK KOEHLER, Camden, New Jersey

While employed at the Royal Gardens of the former German Emperor in Potsdam, where wonderful collections of new and rare plants were kept, it came into my mind that it must be not only interesting to grow, but also to produce those novelties, so I decided to devote my future to Hybridizing work. In the year of 1900 I secured a position with Messrs. Goos and Koene-mann, Nieder Walluf on-the-Rhine. Those being better acquainted with this firm will know what wonderful work is done there in Hybridizing and producing new improvements in Perennials, Dahlias, Cannas, etc.

Later on I worked for other noted Growers in Europe and U. S. A., and since 1911, I have been in business for myself. I hope to be able to introduce from time to time real good and distinctive varieties. In Iris I have paid special attention to "Pinks" and "Reds." Two years ago I introduced "Red Riding Hood." Last year (1923) the much deeper Elberon and the very tall large flowering "Prof. A. Seeliger." In this list I offer a valuable pink seedling of Lohengrin, "Helene Koehler." I like also to draw your attention to my new Siberian Iris Seedling "Miss Dodo."

My New Iris Seedlings

HELENE KOEHLER—(Koehler, 1924). A Lohengrin seedling of healthy, strong growth. Uppers delicate Pink, Falls slightly darker veined, \$10.00 each, prepaid.

ROSEDALE—(Koehler, 1923). Strong grower of clear lavender, overlaid Lobelia blue, conspicuous orange beard, distinct in his satiny finish.

PROF. A. SEELIGER—(Koehler, 1923). A tall grower of a distinct deep Bordeaux Wine Red color.

ELBERON. An entirely new shade in the deep Red, not as tall growing as the two other varieties, but a good size flower of artistic form. The three 1923 seedlings are good Seed bearers and valuable for Hybridizing Work. Price of the three 1923 varieties named above, \$5.00 each. \$50.00 per doz. Prepaid. 6 plants at doz. rate.

BELLADONNA—(Koehler 1922)

The forerunner of an early Plicata. Belladonna blooms regularly and profusely. It is distinct in that its standards are darker than the falls, caused by a more heavy mottling and striping of purple on the white ground. An excellent and showy variety that has been greatly admired. \$3.00 each; \$30.00 a dozen, prepaid.

UNDINE—(Koehler 1922)

A very strong grower and very conspicuous among other Pallida varieties. The standards are a lovely shade of deep lavender, while the falls are rich velvety purple. No collection

of Irises is complete without this handsome variety. \$2.00 each, \$20.00 dozen, prepaid.

RED RIDING HOOD—(Koehler 1922)

The nearest approach to red in the Iris family, and for that reason it has a place in the Iris-garden that no other variety can fill. The standards are an attractive reddish lavender, while the falls are purplish solferinored, with mottlings of brown near the base; the backs of the petals pinkish lavender. Greatly admired wherever seen. \$2.00 each, \$20.00 a dozen, prepaid.

The set of three new 1922 Irises named above, \$6. Prepaid.

SIBERIAN IRIS "MISS DODO"—(Koehler, 1924)

I have tried this seedling for several years comparing it with existing varieties and found it entirely distinct. A good, tall grower, with good size skyblue flowers. \$1.00 each, \$10.00 dozen, prepaid.

Add 5cts. per plant if wanted by mail

CHOICE GERMAN IRISES

ROSE (RED SHADES)

	Each	Doz.
Lohengrin. Cattleya-rose (G. & K.)	\$0 30	\$3 00
Seminole. Violet, rose and crimson.	2 00	20 00
Caprice. Light purple lilac.	25	2 50

YELLOW AND BRONZE SHADES

Flavescens. Soft yellow	20	2 00
Loreley. Yellow and ultramarine-blue (G. & K.)	20	2 00
Sherwin-Wright. Golden yellow	40	4 00
Princess Victoria Luise. Yellow and plum color (G. & K.)	25	2 50
Prosper Laugier. Bronze	50	5 00
Iris Konig (Iris King). Old-gold (G. & K.)	50	5 00
Niebelungen. Fawn yellow (G. & K.)	50	5 00

LAVENDER AND LILAC SHADES

Mme. Chereau. White, edged lilac	20	2 00
Albert Victor. Lavender	20	2 00
Pallida Dalmatica. Light lavender	35	3 50

DARK BLUE SHADES

Kochii. Claret-purple	20	2 00
Atropurpurea. Deep purple	20	2 00

WHITE SHADES

Rhein Nixe. White and violet, (G. & K.)	30	3 00
Florentina. Creamy white	25	2 50
Anna Farr. White, pale blue markings	2 00	20 00

VARIOUS SHADES

Victorine. White and deep violet	25	2 50
Dalmarius. Gray-blue and lilac (G. & K.)	25	2 50
Monsignor. Violet and crimson	50	5 00

We have many other varieties, not listed here, including the latest novelties of Europe and U. S. A., prices on application.

GOOS AND KOENEMANN VARIETIES

I make a specialty in growing G. & K. varieties as they are more adapted to our climate condition than the softer English and French varieties. Rheintraube, IIsan, Schwanhild, Furstin, Lonyay, Flammenschwert, Eckesachs, are worth while growing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I received under special permit of the F. H. B., a collection of G. & K. latest novelties including Rheingaupele and other unnamed seedlings. They are grown under bond until 1926, after this time they can be sold in limited quantities if offered by that time by G. & K. to the trade. Meanwhile, cordially, I invite every Iris lover to see them in bloom at my place.

SOME OF MY SPECIALTIES

GYPSOPHILA PANICULATA FLORE-PLENO

The beautiful double Baby's Breath. Plants from select original stock, guaranteed to be on their own roots, positively no seedlings, 75 cts. each, \$7.50 per doz.

PAPAVER ORIENTALE (ORIENTAL POPPY)

	Each	Doz.
Gerald Perry. Apricot	\$0 50	\$5 00
Perry's White. White	50	5 00
Mrs. Perry. Salmon-rose	30	3 00
Mahogany. Deep crimson maroon	25	2 50
Older Varieties	25	2 50

PHLOX, ROSALIND (Koehler)

A very healthy, vigorous grower, with large, brilliant pink flowers, sweet clover scented, 35 cts. each. \$3.50 per dozen.

Hardy Phlox in good varieties, 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20.00 per 100. Lists of varieties on application.

NEW ASTERS, HARDY

Viola. A real gem, five feet high, of violet blue, is one of the very best (Not more than one dozen sold to a customer.) 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz.

Grandiflora. An old but rare variety; has the largest individual flowers. It blooms late, and is very distinct from any other kind. Grows 2½ feet, color bluish violet. 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz.

NEW GAILLARDIA PORTOLA

A very strong vigorous upright grower of California origin, 2½—3 feet high, immense flowers, rich coppery scarlet, margined with golden yellow. 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz.

NEW PERPETUAL FLOWERING HARDY PINKS

Harold, white, Jean, white crimson center, Robert, rose and lilac, and other varieties. Young plants, 30 cts. each, \$3.00 per dozen.

OLDER HARDY PERENNIALS

I can furnish a general collection of Hardy Perennials. The list includes Hardy Asters, Achillea, Columbines, Coreopsis Lanceolata, Hardy Chrysanthemums, Hardy Larkspurs, Hardy Pinks, Foxglove, Gaillardia Grandiflora, Hollyhocks, Helenium, Hardy Sunflowers, Hardy Phlox, etc. All strong grown plants. 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following plants of my own Raising, still on trial, will be offered in the near future.

Sweet William. Koehler's Wonder. 6-8 colors on the single Flowerhead. White, black, pink and various shades.
Sweet William Fairy. Salmon and white on single Flowerhead.
Indian Strawberry. (Fragaria indica) with variegated leaves.
Iris Germanica. Oberon (a giant Pall. Dalmatica).
Phlox. Columbia, Carmine Red. Irene, deep Salmon.

